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· · · · ·	This action is FINAL . 2b)⊠ This action is non-final.								
3)	Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is								
	closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.								
Dispositi	on of Claims								
4)⊠	☑ Claim(s) <u>1-9</u> is/are pending in the application.								
·	4a) Of the above claim(s) <u>4-9</u> is/are withdrawn from consideration.								
5)□	Claim(s) is/are allowed.								
6)⊠	Claim(s) <u>1-3</u> is/are rejected.								
7)	Claim(s) is/are objected to.								
8)[Claim(s) are subject to restriction	on and/or election	requirement.						
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9)□	The specification is objected to by the	Examiner.							
10)	The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a	a) accepted or	o) objected to by t	the Examiner.					
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11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.									
Priority L	inder 35 U.S.C. § 119								
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of:									
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

- 1. Applicant's election without traverse of Species I (Figures 1A-1C), which reads on claims 1-3 in the reply filed on 3/22/2006 is acknowledged.
- 2. Claims 4-9 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected Species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made without traverse in the reply filed on 3/22/2006.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

- (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 3. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Admitted Prior Art (Specification, Pages 1-2, Figures 4A-4C) in view of Wada et al. (US 5,132,800).

Regarding claim 1, the Admitted Prior Art Figures 4A discloses a mobile apparatus incorporating a camera, comprising:

a camera lens (lens 9, Figure 4A);

a hand strap fitting part formed on the same surface of the mobile apparatus on which the camera lens is located (hand trap fitting part 3, Figure 4A);

The Admitted Prior Art Figures 4A fails to specifically disclose wherein the hand strap fitting part is formed in a position that comes below the camera lens so that a hand strap connected to the hand strap fitting part does not move into a field of view of the camera lens when the mobile apparatus is held for photographic in an upright position in which a longer side of the mobile apparatus is held upright with a top portion thereof being directed upward. However, Wada et al. teaches video camera 1 comprises a grip 3 (hand strap), which is located below viewfinder 5 as shown in figure 1. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device in Admitted Prior Art Figures 4A by the teaching of Wada et al. in order to prevent the hand trap from being swung in front of the lens.

Regarding claim 2, the Admitted Prior Art Figures 4A and Wada et al. disclose wherein the hand strap fitting part is located in such a way that a swinging center of the hand strap comes below a horizontal line tangential to a bottom edge of the camera lens when the mobile apparatus is held for photographing in the upright position.

Regarding claim 3, the Admitted Prior Art discloses wherein the mobile apparatus is a mobile telephone (Specification, Pages 1-2).

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Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LUONG T. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571) 272-7315. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, DAVID L. OMETZ can be reached on (571) 272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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